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Man Giving Name of Herschel Meadows Arrested Saturday Night and Is Held in Jail.

DRESSED AS FARMER

Cashed Checks at Drygoods Stores, Taking Clothing for Part of Check, —Balance Cash.

Three hundred and forty-five dollars in money and merchandise was the haul of a forger in Boone County. A man accused of the forgery was arrested by Sheriff Fred Brown Saturday night. He was held in the county jail.

Dressed as a farmer, he is accused of obtaining six firms with checks of from \$50 to \$80 each. Two checks were made payable to Herschel Meadows and signed by Ben Gilbert and Ernest Huggard. Neither Gilbert nor Huggard know anything about the man.

The man, who gave the name of Meadows, also possessed a list of the names and addresses of eight farmers living near Centralia and Hallsville. He had two checks on the State Bank of El Paso, Tex., each for more than \$125; he also had checks on a bank in Gallup, N. M.

Meadows said that he had gotten the checks from another man, whom he had met on the street here at 12 o'clock yesterday. He declared that he did not know the name or present whereabouts of this other man. His story is that he came to Centralia Friday from St. Louis, with the expectation of meeting the man there. Not finding the man there, he came to Columbia, knowing that he would meet him here.

The police say Meadows did not begin to pass his checks until after banking hours. Then he set out on a tour of the clothing stores, getting merchandise and change at each. In three stores, according to Sheriff Fred Brown, he wore the garb of a farmer, and claimed that he could not read or write.

At Beaman's store a check for \$70 was passed, the man getting a woman's suit and money in change.

He got three pairs of shoes and money in change from Levy's shoe store, passing a \$60 check.

From Barth's clothing store he got a suit of clothes and the change from an \$80 check.

At Mrs. G. Hess' millinery store he bought a woman's hat for \$12, offering a \$50 check. Mrs. Hess gave him \$25 in change and a check for the rest.

He cashed this check at Boswell's dry goods store, getting a waist there.

He bought a suit of clothes from Eisenstein's clothing store, offering a \$75 check.

Altogether, he got \$150 in money and \$105 in merchandise.

It was at Eisenstein's that his career ended. Sheriff Fred Brown was standing in front of the store about 9 o'clock Saturday night, when the proprietor came out and told him that he had a bad check.

The check was on the Boone County Trust Company and signed by Ben Gilbert. Eisenstein had then telephoned the owners of the bank and found that Gilbert did his banking elsewhere. A few minutes later, Meadows returned to the store to get his suit and was arrested.

At first he stuck to his character of farmer. He said that he lived five miles south of town, and had lived near Columbia for thirty years. He had a brother, Charley Meadows, at Hinton, he declared. When asked if his home was near Hartsburg, he said yes. When asked if it was close to Ruckers, he said that Ruckers owned the second farm from his. (Ruckers is a small store.)

Later, he admitted, the police assert, that he was never in Columbia before. Sheriff Brown says that he now admits his guilt and says he is ready to plead guilty.

Investigation by the sheriff has proved that Meadows arrived in Columbia Saturday morning and went directly to the Robinson Hotel. There he changed his suit business suit for that of a farmer. Then he went out to begin his operations. The sheriff knows that Meadows was in Illinois Thursday.

All the money and merchandise will be returned to the merchants. Probably not more than \$5 or \$6 will be lost altogether, according to Mr. Brown.

A call to Centralia and Hallsville brought the report that no bad checks have yet been through the banks there. An inquiry among the clothiers is being conducted to ascertain if they received any of the checks. Telegrams probably will be sent to El Paso and Gallup late today.

Though all the checks passed here were made payable to Herschel Meadows, he also uses the names Williams and Ingles, he told the sheriff. His real name and address are not known.

He gave his age as 43.

Its City Water Unit.

An examination of samples made at the University recently showed that the water at Independence was unfit. The water is pumped at Sugar Creek by the Standard Oil Company. The waterworks company at Independence is building a new pumping station.

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Unsettled weather tonight and Tuesday, probably showers; not much change in temperature.

For Missouri: Probably showers to night and Tuesday; not much change in temperature.

The weather continues mostly cloudy and unsettled in all of the country from the Pacific east to and including the Mississippi Valley. Since Saturday rain has been general in the Missouri Valley and in most of the Plains and Mississippi Valley. Amounts were heavy in parts of Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, and the upper Mississippi River fair weather has prevailed. Prevailing temperatures are moderate but somewhat below the seasonal average.

The Missouri highways are slippery and muddy. Showery conditions will likely continue over Tuesday.

Local data: The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 63 degrees; and the lowest last night was 58 degrees. Precipitation 0.65. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 73 degrees and the lowest was 46 degrees. Sun rose today 5:01 a. m. Sun sets 7:09 p. m. Moon sets 9:14 p. m.

IVALEE WELSH BEST DEBATER

Wins \$125 Scholarship in Debate—Lancaster High Defeats Carthage Team.

Northern Missouri triumphed over Southern Missouri for the championship of the Missouri High School Debating League in the seventh annual contest Saturday evening. Lancaster High School received the unanimous verdict of the judges over Carthage High School.

The fact that women are gaining prominence as public speakers, which was attested by their participation both in debating and in oratorical contests at the University during the last term, was further demonstrated in Saturday night's contest, when Miss Ivallee Welsh of Lancaster was unanimously selected as the best individual debater. This honor includes a \$125 scholarship in the University.

The subject of the debate was: "Resolved, that a federal law providing for compulsory arbitration between employers and employees is wise and feasible."

Carthage, upholding the affirmative of the question, was represented by William Blankenship and Kirke Bryan, while Lancaster, supporting the negative, was represented by Miss Welsh and Aaron Botts. A somewhat unusual phase of the contest was the fact that the four debaters represented the four different years of the high school course—freshman, sophomore, junior and senior.

Dr. F. M. Tiedel presided. Dean J. H. Courant, Dr. F. F. Stephens and R. M. Dewey served as judges. The debate was held in the University Auditorium. Each speaker was allowed ten minutes to present constructive arguments and five minutes for rebuttal.

At the annual business meeting of the Missouri High School Debating League held here Saturday morning, Miss Sadie Stearn, principal of the Columbia High School, was elected a member of the executive committee, which represents the eighty high schools of the state which are members of the Missouri High School Debating League. The members of the committee, who will hold over for the next year are Prof. F. M. Tiedel, Prof. J. D. Ellis, Prof. C. H. Williams and Sam A. Baker, state superintendent of schools.

M'KIBBIN HAS A ROAD PLAN

From St. Louis to Kansas City Passing Through Jefferson City.

A. C. McKibbin, former secretary of the State Highway Board, has announced a plan to spend 10 million dollars of the 60 million dollars voted by the state for a state road between Kansas City and St. Louis, the rest of the money to be used in improving intercounty-seat roads. His plan ignores altogether the Old Trails Road and would have the state road run through Jefferson City.

John M. Malang of the State Highway Board proposed a plan last fall that provided for a Kansas City-St. Louis road that would go through Jefferson City. The Malang plan failed to get much approval.

Dean Edwards to Church Congress. Dean G. D. Edwards of the Bible College left for Canton today to attend a district convention of the Christian Church, which will be held May 10 to 12. He will go from there to Springfield, Ill., to attend a congress of preachers and teachers of the Christian Church. Matters of theological controversy will be discussed at this meeting.

Iowa State Man Honored. The vice-director of the experiment station of the Iowa State Agricultural College, William H. Stevenson, has been named permanent delegate of the United States to the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome.

President Hill Lands. President A. Ross Hill arrived in New York Saturday afternoon from Europe on the Mauritania.

THOUSANDS OF HAITIANS DIE IN PRISON CAMPS

Commissioners Make Report Which Describes Occupation of U. S. Troops in Haiti.

"WAS TERRIBLE REGIME"

Say Hundreds of Women and Children Were Killed and Tortured by American Marines.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Nine thousand Haitians died in American prison camps, according to a report of the Haitian commission, now being given in Washington. The charges were filed in the State Department.

The report describes the occupation of United States troops since July 28, 1915, as "the most terrible regime of military autocracy which has ever been carried on in the name of the great American democracy."

The reports allege that hundreds of women, children and infants were killed by American marines, and continues with a long detailed list of murders and tortures which were inflicted.

It is even claimed that the "water cure," of the early days of American colonization has been revived.

The report asks for an immediate investigation of Haitian affairs, abrogation of martial law, and removal of American forces, and guarantee to the Haitians of full electoral liberties.

Concerning the occupation treaty of 1915, it is alleged to have been signed by the Haitians under compulsion.

The personal denial by naval authorities of all naval allegations is described as a "ghastly joke."

BOY SCOUTS RE-ORGANIZE

New Officers and Scout Masters to Be Appointed.

The Local Council of Boy Scouts of America, will meet at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow night in the Commercial Club rooms for the purpose of re-organizing the local Boy Scout organization. Prof. O. R. Johnson, scout commissioner, will have charge of the meeting. New officers and scoutmasters for the coming year will be chosen and several new scoutmasters will be appointed.

Several members of the local post of the American Legion have offered their services in the scout work, and will probably receive appointments as scoutmasters.

SAYS HUSBAND WILL SUFFER

Mrs. Stillman Claims Friends Will Not Blame Her After Trial.

New York, May 9.—"Both of us, my husband and myself, will go down in this trial, but Jim Stillman will stay down. When this case is over, I will be able to live in the United States. He won't."

This is Mrs. James A. Stillman's attitude toward the divorce suit in which she is involved, as stated to a reporter for the United Press today.

Mrs. Stillman says this has been a great trial for her but that she is not afraid.

"One of us," she declared, "will always be able to go about among our friends. I know which one it will be."

At the time Mrs. Stillman made these statements she was making a determined effort to have the trial made a public one, instead of the "secret hearing" which has been used heretofore. The "leaks" from these secret hearings do her harm, she believes.

Attorneys for Mrs. Stillman are making efforts to collect some new evidence to bring up when the case is reopened May 19. It is said to concern the mysterious Mrs. Leeds and her 2-year old son, of whom Stillman is alleged to be the father. Mrs. Stillman occasionally refers to Mrs. Leeds as "Floradora," and sometimes quite scornfully as "Flossie."

Girl, 17, Is Married.

A marriage license was issued last Saturday to Francis Earl Wyatt, 23, and Miss Goldie Wilson Perkins, 17, both of Columbia. William Perkins, the girl's father, gave his consent. The couple were married by the Rev. J. A. Medley.

Bylander to Manage Centennial.

E. G. Bylander, secretary of the Missouri State Fair, has been elected general manager of the State Centennial celebration to be held in connection with the fair this year.

Four Cities Again Teach German.

PAINTER BELIEVES ALL JAILS SHOULD INCLUDE ARTISTIC DECORATIONS

CHICAGO, May 9.—A jail should be a "thing of beauty," if not a "joy forever," is the opinion of Nicholas K. Roerich, Russian painter. Roerich believes that if criminals and other "jail birds" look at real art day after day, they will forget their evil ways and become assets to society.

"Jails should be filled with beautiful paintings and objects of art," he said. "If culture of the spirit is to win, beauty must invade new regions, regions where now there is only ugliness."

Members of the county board of commissioners, who are considering a new jail for Cook County, doubted whether appropriations will be available to decorate the interior of the prison with "high art."

"It is possible that the inmates will be forced to worry around with whitewashed and painted walls for a time," said one official.

Civic organizations have attacked the present county prison as "a disgrace to civilization."

BRIDGE STOCK OFFERED HERE

Hoped County Will Subscribe \$100,000 for Booneville Project.

Plans for selling stock in the Booneville bridge project were formulated by the directors of the Commercial Club at a meeting held in the offices of the organization early this afternoon. More than \$300,000 in stock has already been sold in Cooper County, and an effort will be made to sell at least \$100,000 of the stock in Boone County.

E. W. Stephens, president of the Missouri Old Trails Road Association, who was present at the meeting of the directors of the Commercial Club, emphasized the importance of the bridge, saying that the completion of the structure would mean far more to Columbia and Boone County than any other project ever undertaken by the citizens of Columbia.

He said that he was certain at least five men in the city would each buy \$5,000 worth of stock in the project and that the remainder of the \$100,000 in stock to be sold in Boone County could be disposed of in small lots. Mr. Stephens also pointed out that unless the project was consummated within the next few weeks, the Old Trails road might fail to receive serious consideration from the state officials who designate the primary roads to be improved under the \$60,000,000 bond issue.

A campaign committee to undertake the work on selling the stock in Columbia and along the Old Trails road between Rocheport and Cedar Creek will be appointed within the next few days, and the actual work will be started early next week. At the same time, the Commercial Club will co-operate with the bridge committee of the Missouri Old Trails Road Association in selling stock in the other counties along the road between St. Louis and Kansas City.

Word has been received here from Glasgow that between \$300,000 and \$400,000 in stock has been sold for a bridge at that place, but this information has been rather indefinite. It is not believed that the Commercial Club will consider the question of the Glasgow bridge until more definite information has been obtained from those behind the bridge movement at Glasgow.

WOMEN VOTERS TO SEDALIA

Columbia League Appoints Delegates to Convention.

The following delegates have been appointed to the state convention of the Missouri League of Women Voters in Sedalia May 16-17. President and county chairman, Mrs. W. K. Freudenberger; alternate, Mrs. G. L. Noyes; Mrs. L. W. St. Clair-Moss and alternate, Miss Ella V. Dobb; Mrs. Rosa Ingels; and Mrs. Elmer McKay, alternate.

To Repair Dome of Academic Hall.

James P. Jamieson, of St. Louis, University architect, is here today to see about repairs for Academic Hall, particularly the repairing of the dome, which has been in bad condition for some months.

Retail Merchants Meet Tonight.

The Retail Merchants Association will hold its regular meeting at 7:30 o'clock tonight in the Virginia Building.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE R H E

Brooklyn 000 200 030 5 11 1

Philadelphia 000 000 200 2 8 3

Batteries: Grimes and Miller; G. Smith and Brugg.

(2nd game.)

Brooklyn 001 000 001 0 2 8 0

Philadelphia 000 001 100 1 3 9 3

Batteries: Cadore and Krueger; Can-fry and Peits.

Open date for other teams.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Detroit 402 100 0

St. Louis 000 201 2

Batteries: Oldham and Austin; Cullop and Billings.

Open date for other teams.

WALLACE SITS IN ON ALLIED NEGOTIATIONS

American Ambassador Takes Seat Today in Conference at Quai D'Orsay in Paris.

WELCOMED BY CAMBON

Meeting Concerned With German Government and the Possible Invasion of Ruhr Valley.

PARIS, May 9.—America resumed her place in Allied negotiations, when Hugh H. Wallace took his seat with the Council of Ambassadors, in a conference at the Quai D'Orsay today.

Wallace was welcomed to the meeting but there was no special demonstration.

Julius Cambon, the French representative at the conference, declared in a speech that they were glad to see the American representative.

Wallace's appearance was America's first active participation in Allied affairs since President Harding accepted the invitation of the Allies.

Wallace will sit unofficially but will have equal rights with the other members.

It was not officially known what the conference discussed today, but it is known to be occupied with affairs concerning the German government, and is believed to be considering the invasion of the Ruhr Valley.

WILSON SCORED BY SPENCER

Missouri Senator Says President Offered Rumania Army and Navy.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Senator Spencer, Republican of Missouri, in a speech to the Senate today, renewed his assertions that President Wilson assured Rumania, Czechoslovakia, and Siberia in the Paris conference, that the armed forces of the United States would be used, if necessary, to enforce the covenant.

This statement, made originally by Spencer during the last presidential campaign, was denied by President Wilson, and his secretary, J. T. Mumford.

Spencer today read a report of Wilson's speech made in English at the peace conference. The senator explained that he received this from the State Department in response to his request.

Spencer quoting Wilson, said: "The United States will end her army and navy to protect Rumania, Czechoslovakia, and Siberia, if necessary, and will see that the covenant is observed."

FIVE FACE POLICE JUDGE

Reckless Driver Sent to Jail for Failure to Pay Fine.

Sunday netted an unusually large number of arrests by the Columbia police force. Five men were fined in court this morning. Most of the charges were for speeding and reckless driving. One charge of drunkenness was filed.

One Mann was charged with reckless driving. He struck a wagon and a buggy on North Eighth street Saturday while attempting to pass another car. Mann pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined \$1 and costs. He was placed in the city jail for failure to pay.

James D. McGuire was fined \$1 and costs for running a horse on the streets of Columbia.

Carl Miller and Elmer Woods were each fined \$5 and costs for exceeding the speed limit while riding motorcycles. Commodore Hult was charged with drunkenness. He pleaded guilty. He was fined \$5 and costs, amounting to \$13.25.

WAR MOTHERS MEET TODAY

Appoint Committee to Help Plan Celebration for This Summer.

The Boone County Chapter of American War Mothers, at a meeting this afternoon in the Commercial Club rooms, discussed the by-laws in order that the members might have a more thorough knowledge of the organization. A committee was appointed to attend the meeting of the American Legion this evening to discuss plans for a celebration to be held sometime in the summer.

T. E. SHARP DIES SUDDENLY

Was Former Pastor of Methodist Church Here.

Rev. T. E. Sharp of Memphis, and former pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Columbia, died suddenly in a hotel in Memphis, Tenn., last Thursday. He had taken part in the deliberations of the Board of Missions on Thursday and had attended a committee meeting at night. He died at 11:30 that evening. He was pastor here in 1893, '94 and '95.

Thompson Wins in Road Case.

PAINTINGS TO BE PRESERVED

Sketches Will Be Moved to State Capitol—Evolution in Art.

The sketches for the paintings in the state capitol, which now hang on the walls of the third floor corridor in Academic Hall, are soon to be moved to the capitol building in Jefferson City. They are the original sketches made by the artists preliminary to painting the large pictures which are now in the lunettes on the second floor of the capitol.

These sketches are examples of the evolution of a painting from the first time the artist puts his idea on paper to the working drawing from which he paints the final picture.

O. F. Berninghaus has a decidedly systematic way of building up his picture from the first sketch. His original drawings for "The Surrender of the Miamis to General Dodge, 1814," and for "The Attack on Saint Louis, 1780," were carefully worked out in pencil and look like finished pencil drawings. A tracing was then made on squared paper, which he ruled, in order that it might be in scale with the large canvas which occupies the lunette in the capitol. He then made another rough sketch, putting in the color.

N. C. Werth worked in an entirely different manner. His first sketches were done roughly in watercolor and present entirely different ideas than those presented in the later sketches. His are the representations of "The Battle of Westport" and "The Fight at Wilson's Creek." The first sketches are brutal and bloody and not at all pleasing to look at, while the paintings as they now are seen are the favorite of nearly everyone who views the entire group.

The sketches by Fred Green Carpenter for "The Battle of Sacramento" and "The Military Occupation of Havana" are not as definite as those by the other artists. He worked in color from the beginning and each sketch shows gradual improvement in color and detail. The completed pictures are wonderful examples of detail.

These sketches are to be presented by the state along with the large paintings. They were brought to the University through the efforts of Dr. John Pickard.

BASEBALL TROPHIES STOLEN

Are Taken From Case in Rothwell Gymnasium.

Between fifteen and twenty baseball trophies of games won by the Varsity baseball team as far back as 1900, were stolen Sunday afternoon or evening from the case in the trophy room in Rothwell Gymnasium. One baseball, with a ripped cover, was not taken. Other trophies, such as footballs and silver cups, were not molested.

The case was broken by removing the glass from one of the doors and finally taking the door from its hinges. The door was found lying on the floor this morning with the glass missing.

The trophy room is seldom locked, and the gymnasium is open all day Sunday. The persons who took these trophies are known to the authorities at the gymnasium. It is said, if the trophies are returned to the gymnasium, there will be no prosecution or no questions asked.

OPEN HOUSE IN AFTERNOON

Local Observation of National Hospital Day From 3 to 5 p. m.

The Parker Memorial Hospital will have open house from 3 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon on Thursday instead of all day, in observance of the National Hospital Day that is being held. The aim of the day is to arouse an interest in the work of local and national hospitals.

Miss Dorothy Broffie, county Red Cross nurse, will have an exhibit in one of the rooms. Her exhibit will consist chiefly of posters, pictures and pamphlets concerning the care and health of children. An opportunity will be given the public to ask questions regarding subjects brought out in the display.

ST. LOUIS EXCURSIONS AGAIN

Wahash Resumes, Cut Rates for First Time in Three Years.

For the first time since the government took over the management of the railroad lines during the war, excursion trains will be run out of Columbia next Saturday and Sunday when the Wahash Railroad will resume the old-time excursion service after a suspension of nearly three years. A round-trip rate of \$3 to St. Louis has been announced by J. C. Abbott, local agent of the railroad, and it is said that other excursions will be announced from time to time.

MRS. E. A. SEXAUER DEAD

Mother of Professor in College of Agriculture Dies in Iowa.

Word was received in Columbia this morning of the death of Mrs. E. A. Sexauer, mother of T. E. Sexauer, professor in the college of agriculture and counselor to all federal board students in the University. She formerly resided at Ankeny, Ia.

No details concerning her death have been received, but it is known that she had suffered no serious illness.

H. L. Wilson Back to Work.

H. L. Wilson, station agent here for the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad, who has been sick for a month, will return to his work tomorrow. J. F. Broussard, who has been filling Mr. Wilson's place during the latter's sickness, will take up his duties tomorrow as cashier. O. D. Dunn of Jefferson City, who has been acting cashier for Mr. Broussard, returned to his home today.

Mrs. Emberson to Church Meeting.

Mrs. R. H. Emberson went to Centralia Saturday on business connected with the work of the Missouri Conference of the Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, South. Mrs. Emberson is vice-president of the Missouri Conference.

Graduate of School of Journalism Makes Trip Through Russia.

Frank King, son of H. H. King, county school attendance officer, arrived in New York Saturday morning, according to a telegram received by his father. He will be in Columbia probably Thursday.

King is head of the foreign news department of The London office of the Associated Press. He has made a trip through Russia as correspondent for the Associated Press. He is a graduate of the School of Journalism.

Mrs. Emberson to Church Meeting.

M. N. G. TO CAMP IN AUGUST

Battery B Will Act As Guard of Honor to Governor Hyde.

Adj. Gen. W. A. Rupp expects to hold the annual encampment of the Missouri National Guard at Sedalia August 8 to 20. This will be held in connection with the state fair and centennial celebration. The Missouri National Guard has 3,200 members and these will be used to police the grounds.

Battery B, local field artillery unit of the National Guard will go as a guard of honor to Governor Arthur M. Hyde. Battery B will also go to Camp Knox, Kentucky, this summer for a two or three weeks encampment.

To promote better citizenship and a greater interest in national defense, the war department has organized citizens' military camps. The camp for this section, the seventh corps area, is Camp Pike, Ark. The encampment will be held from August 1 to September 1.

The camp will be open to all men between the ages of 16 and 35. No educational qualifications are required of the applicants but they must file a certificate of good character, signed by a schoolmaster, clergyman, priest or rabbi and a certificate from a qualified physician as to hearing, eyesight, heart action and general physical condition adequate for the purpose of training.

The government will pay all expenses of those whose applications are approved. Each man who goes to camp will be furnished military uniforms, food and medical attention free. The minor physical defects will be corrected and advice for future corrective treatment will be given as well as lectures upon exercise as a physical corrective.

MOTHERS' DAY IS CELEBRATED

Columbia Churches Hold Appropriate Services Recognizing Occasion.

Columbia churches yesterday observed Mothers' Day with special services. The morning services at the Presbyterian Church were a